

following officials of the Department of the Interior: R.M. Johnnie Burton, Director, Minerals Management Service; Mark Myers, Director, U.S. Geological Survey; Jim Hughes, Acting Director, Bureau of Land Management; and Brent Wahlquist, Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation Enforcement; and Frederick Norbury, Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System, U.S. Forest Service, USDA.

OVERSIGHT—NOAA-U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE BUDGET

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Oceans held an oversight hearing on the Fiscal Year 2008 budget request for NOAA and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Testimony was heard from VADM Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Jr., USN (Ret.) Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere and Administrator, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and H. Dale Hall, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

OVERSIGHT—OFFICE OF INSULAR AFFAIRS BUDGET

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Insular Affairs held an oversight hearing on the Fiscal Year 2008 budget request for the Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs. Testimony was heard from David B. Cohen, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior; and the following Governors: Togiola T. A. Tulafono, American Samoa; and Felix Perez Camacho, Guam.

OVERSIGHT—BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT AND FOREST SERVICE BUDGETS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held an oversight hearing on the Fiscal Year 2008 Budget Request for the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service. Testimony was heard from Abigail Kimbell, Chief, Forest Service, USDA; and Jim Hughes, Acting Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

NATIONAL SECURITY FOREIGN INVESTMENT REFORM AND STRENGTHENED TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2007

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, an open rule with a preprinting requirement. The rule provides one hour of general debate on H.R. 556. National Security Foreign Investment Reform and Strengthened Transparency Act of 2007, equally divided and controlled by the Chairman and Ranking

Minority Member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except for clause 9 and 10 of Rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. The rule provides that the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered for amendment by section and that each section shall be considered as read.

The rule also makes in order only those amendments to the amendment in the nature of a substitute that are pre-printed in the Congressional Record or are pro forma amendments for the purpose of debate. The rule provides that each amendment printed in the Congressional Record may be offered only by the Member who caused it to be printed or a designee, and that each amendment shall be considered as read. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or with instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Frank, Representatives Maloney of NY, and Paul.

Joint Meetings

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the Disabled American Veterans, after receiving testimony from Bradley S. Barton, Disabled American Veterans, Cold Spring, Kentucky.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D207)

H.R. 742, to amend the Antitrust Modernization Commission Act of 2002, to extend the term of the Antitrust Modernization Commission and to make a technical correction. Signed on February 26, 2007 (Public Law 110-6)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2007

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, the Judiciary, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine AMTRAK 2008, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to provide an overview of the President's proposed budget for fiscal

year 2008 for defense-related matters, 10:30 a.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine one year after the Sago and Alma coalmining disasters relating to efforts to improve mine safety, 2 p.m., SD-124.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program, 10:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Insurance, and Automotive Safety, to hold hearings to examine vehicle safety for children, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Subcommittee on Space, Aeronautics, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine the President's budget request for fiscal year 2008 for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the President's budget request for fiscal year 2008 for the USDA Forest Service, 9:45 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine comprehensive immigration reform, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Rules and Administration: to hold hearings to examine Senate Committee Budget Requests, 9:30 a.m., SR-301.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine the President's Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2008 for the Small Business Administration, 10 a.m., SR-428A.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine the aging workforce, focusing on its meaning for businesses and the economy, 10:30 a.m., SD-628.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on Horticulture and Organic Agriculture, hearing to review the proposals of the Department of Agriculture for the 2007 Farm Bill with respect to specialty crops and organic agriculture, 10 a.m., 1302 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on FDA, 10 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, on National Science Board, 10 a.m., and on Science Funding, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, on Energy Outlook—the Next Decade, 10 a.m., 2362B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, on Consumer Issues, 10 a.m., 2220 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on the EPA, 9 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, on Health Resources Services Administration, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, on Fiscal Year 2007 Supplemental Request, 2 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, on Transportation and Housing: Trends and Challenges over the Next Decade, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on the Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Budget Request from the Department of the Air Force, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on the impact of changes to the Reserve Montgomery G.I. Bill, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, hearing on Fiscal Challenges and the Economy in the Long Term, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education, hearing on Improving Head Start for America's Children, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled "The Lack of Diversity in Leadership Positions in NCAA Collegiate Sports," 9:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality, hearing entitled "A Review of the Administration's Energy Proposal for the Transportation Sector," 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet, hearing entitled "H.R. 251, Truth in Caller ID Act of 2007," 2 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Insurance Claims Payment Processes in the Gulf Coast after the 2005 Hurricanes," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, hearing on Iraq and U.S. Foreign Policy, 10 a.m., and a hearing on North Korea: The February 13th Agreement, 1:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emergency Communication, Preparedness, and Response and the Subcommittee on Management, Investigations, and Oversight, joint hearing entitled "Reforming FEMA: Are We Making Progress?" 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, to consider Committee funding requests, 9:30 a.m., and 2 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, to consider the following: pending Committee business; a resolution establishing an Antitrust Task Force; and H.R. 1130, Judicial Disclosure Responsibility Act, 10:15 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Antitrust Task Force, hearing on Competition and the Future of Digital Music, 3 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, oversight hearing on the Evolving West, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, to consider the following: Committee's Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2008 for submission to the Committee on the Budget; H. Res. 180, Honoring the life and achievements of Leo T. McCarthy and expressing profound sorrow on his death; H. Res. 162, Recognizing the contributions of the Negro Baseball Leagues and their players; and H. Con. Res. 62, Supporting the goals and

ideals of a National Children and Families Day, in order to encourage adults in the United States to support and listen to children and to help children throughout the Nation achieve their hopes and dreams; followed by a hearing entitled "Reforming the Presidential Library Funding Disclosure Process," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement, hearing entitled "9/11 Health Effects: Federal Monitoring and Treatment of Residents and Responders," 12 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 800, Employee Free Choice Act, 3 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science and Technology, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 85, Energy Technology Transfer Act; H.R. 1068, To amend the High-Performance Computing Act of 1991; H.R. 1126, To reauthorize the Steel and Aluminum Energy Conservation and Technology Competitiveness Act of 1988; and H.R. 363, Sowing the Seeds through Science and Engineering Research Act, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, to consider Committee's Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2008 for submission to the Committee on the Budget, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Information and Security Management at the Department of Veterans Affairs, 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, to consider Committee's Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2008 for submission to the Committee on the Budget, 10 a.m., and to hold a hearing on Energy and Tax Policy, focusing on climate change, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, hearing on Fiscal Year 2007 Supplemental Request, 10:30 a.m., H-405.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine meeting the challenge of income instability, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.